

AREA CLOSURE for PUBLIC SAFETY

OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

1. **To go into or be upon any area closed for protection of public health or safety [36 CFR 261.53(e)].** For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be within National Forest System lands, roads, or trails in fire closure areas associated with Carlton Complex of fires and the Lone Mountain Fire on the Chelan and Methow Valley Ranger Districts when posted as closed in the following areas:

Chelan (CRD) and Methow Valley Ranger Districts (MVRD): All National Forest system lands on the north shore of Lake Chelan from Alta Lake west along the Chelan Ranger District Boundary to Mount Bigelow, northwest along the boundary of the Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness Area boundary (MVRD) to the Twisp Pass Trail # 432, west along Trail #432 to Twisp Pass at the boundary of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, south along the boundary of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area to an area 100 feet above the Lake Shore Trail # 1247, southeast along but 100 feet above the the Lakeshore Trail #1247 to the Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness Boundary near Prince Creek, southeast along the Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness Boundary to Point No Point Creek, southeast along the Chelan Ranger District boundary but excluding Safety Harbor Campground, Deer Point Campground, and Mitchell Creek Campground, to Mitchell Creek, south to the south section line on T28N, R21E, Section 27, east to southeast corner of T28N, R23E, Section 27, north to the east side of Alta Lake at the boundary Alta Lake State Park.

This includes Forest Service lands in:

CHELAN RANGER DISTRICT		
Township	Range	Section(s)
29N	23E	8, 9, 10, 15-22, 27, 28, 33, 34
28N	23E	6, 7, 17, 20
28N	22E	1-15
28N	21E	1, 2, 10-12
29N	22E	7-9, 13-36
29N	21E	1-18, 21-27, 34-36

29N	20E	1-5, 10-12
30N	22E	31
30N	21E	7, 17-22, 25-36
30N	20E	1-36
30N	19E	1, 12, 13, 24-26, 35, 36
31N	20E	4, 5, 7-9, 16-21, 28-30, 31-34
31N	19E	1, 2, 11-14, 24-26

SAWTOOTH WILDERNESS- Chelan and Methow Valley Ranger Districts		
Township	Range	Section(s)
30N	19E	1-5, 8-17, 21-24, 26, 27, 35
31N	19E	1-30, 32-36
31N	20E	4-8
31N	18E	1-3, 11-13
32N	18E	1, 2, 11-16, 21-28, 33-36
32N	19E	1-36
32N	20E	4-10, 14-23, 25-35
33N	18E	1-4, 10-14, 22-27, 34-36
33N	19E	4-10, 14-36
34N	18E	1-12, 14-36
34N	19E	1-12, 14-18, 20-32, 34, 35
34N	20E	2-10

This closure is effective as of **the date signed below** and will remain in effect until terminated.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, including Washington State employees in performance of an official duty, and their authorized contractors.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or a member of any organized search and rescue, emergency services, or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

3. Any private land owner exercising an existing right to access their own private property which is otherwise within the closure area as described above.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Wenatchee, Washington this 21st day of July, 2014.

/s/ Jason Kuiken for _____

Michael L. Balboni

Forest Supervisor

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 USC 551 And 18 USC 3559 and 3571)

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background. Multiple wildfires in the area are a threat to public safety in the closure area.
2. Intent of Subpart B order. This order provides for public and agency personnel safety.
3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Staff with LE input	07/18/2014
Review proposed order	Law Enforcement	07/18/2014
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	07/18/2014
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff	07/18/2014
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District/Forest Staff	Ongoing
Post Order at Chelan Ranger District and Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest Offices. Post closures at Roads and Trail leading into the closure area.	District Personnel, other District staff, County Deputies	07/18/2014

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

/s/ Jason Kuiken for _____
Michael L. Balboni
Forest Supervisor
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

7/21/14
Date